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Federal Communications Commission
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Attn: Julius Genachowski, Chairman

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SUBJECT: RADIOFREQUENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Dear Mr. Genachowski,

The Los Angeles Unified School District (District) requests your assistance in determining the potential radiofrequency (RF) exposures to students who utilized wireless devices within a classroom setting and establishing an appropriate exposure standard for children.

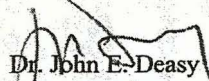
In order to comply with new State of California instructional guidelines (Common Core State Standards and Assessments), the District will issue technology devices such as computers, laptops and tablets to students and provide wireless internet connectivity to classrooms. However, with the proliferation of wireless devices introduced into the classroom, some teachers and parents have raised concern that the District may be exposing children to excessive RF radiation.

Since 2007, the District has taken steps to reduce exposures to students by adopting use and equipment specifications such as measured distances from access points/external antennas and limits on device power ratings. It is believed that a more conservative level is necessary to protect children, who represent a potentially vulnerable and sensitive population. Therefore, we have established a threshold of 0.1 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ or 10,000 times lower than the current FCC standard.

The District recently learned that the FCC is proposing to open a docket to consider the efficacy of the current RF exposure limits and whether additional precautions are appropriate. In light of the District's upcoming one-to-one technology program, we urge the FCC to thoroughly evaluate the body of scientific studies which address non-thermal health effects and establish an appropriate exposure standard for children.

We look forward to the FCC's timely review and consideration of this critical issue and thank you in advance for your efforts on behalf of our students. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Sterritt, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199.

Sincerely,


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